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JUDGES Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (7 total)

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Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 20, 2003
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		May 20, 2003
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Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		May 21, 2003
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 20, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 2213	Related bill	Jun 25, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Judicial Use of Discretion to Guarantee Equity in Sentencing Act of 2003 (JUDGES Act) - Directs the U.S. Sentencing Commission to report to Congress on the incidence of downward departures from the U.S. sentencing guidelines (i.e., imposition of a sentence below the range established by such guidelines). Includes among required report contents: (1) a discussion of the history and purpose of departures in the Federal system; (2) information on rates of departures from the guidelines among different districts and judicial circuits and among different offense and departure types; (3) an analysis of the grounds provided by district court judges when they depart from the guidelines; (4) a comparison of the departure authority in Federal law with that of mandatory State systems; and (5) an assessment of the extent to which departures undermine or promote the purposes of sentencing.

Repeals specified nonconforming (sentencing reform) provisions of the Prosecutorial Remedies and Other Tools to end the Exploitation of Children Today Act of 2003 (PROTECT Act), including provisions that limit judges' discretion in sentencing, require the Chief Judge of each district court to submit written reports to the Commission within 30 days of entry of judgment in every criminal case, and make changes to the composition of the Commission.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 20, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 20, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6711-6713)
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